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FOR:

METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING RACK OPERATION, METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING MULTISTAGE RACK, ARTICLE CONVEYANCE AND STORAGE DEVICE,

AND COMPUTER PRODUCT

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above

## Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Previously Submitted:

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on May 27, 2004
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

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- ☐ Amendment/Reply
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - Other: Request for Extension of Time (2 months)

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